



# *Master Composter*

April 8th, 2024

## NEWSLETTER

MC Derek Bryant teaches Compost Basics Workshop at SoFa Pocket Park

### Introduction

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### Week Recap

- Pam and Alyce led an amazing DIY worm bin kids workshop at Los Gatos Library on 4/2 with trainees observing
- Derek taught the basics of composting at the SoFa Pocket Park for their First Friday garden event!
- Victoria M and Marilyn tabled at the Community Garden Day in Santa Clara with trainees observing
- Chris, Terry, and Victoria Roberts taught Compost Basics in Palo Alto

# Upcoming



## Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

Saturday 5/4/2024 10am - 12pm Help Bridget!	Compost Basics	Poppy Jasper Room, Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center 17000 Monterey Rd Morgan Hill, 95038	Morgan Hill
Saturday 5/11/2024 10am - 12pm Help Jack!	Compost Basics	Cupertino Library 10800 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014	Cupertino
Saturday 6/22/2024 10am - 12pm	Compost Basics	Lucie Stern Community Center, Community Room 1305 Middlefield Rd.	Palo Alto

## Upcoming Tabling Needing Volunteers:

Thursday, April 11, 2024	10:00 am to 2:00 pm	Earth Day Arbor Day	Santa Clara
Wednesday, April 17, 2024	2:30 pm to 4:30 pm	Cisco Compute Green Social	San Jose
Thursday, April 18, 2024	11:00:00 AM-2:00 PM	Eco Fair	Santa Clara

**There are also quite a few Community Earth Day events for April 20th not listed here. Find one in your neighborhood and**

**[sign up.](#)**



# Upcoming: Kids Composting

## Campbell School of Innovation

**\*We have Worms to give them so please sign up to help!\***

- **Presentation: vermicomposting**
- **Class: 2nd Grade 100 students**
- **Possible dates/times: Second week of April 8:30-9:00, 9:00-9:30 or 10:30-11:00, 11:00-11:30**
- **School Address: 295 Cherry Lane Campbell, CA, 95008**



## Blach Intermediate School

- **Presentation: compost basics**
- **Class: 7th Grade 175 students , (periods 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)**
- **Possible dates/times: April 16th 8:30-3:03 pm**
- **Can sign up for morning or afternoon shift**
- **School Address: 1120 Covington Road, Los Altos, 94024**



## Sherman Oaks Dual Language School

- **Presentation: vermicomposting**
- **Class: Kindergarten, 60 students**
- **Possible dates/times: 04/19/24 11-12 or 1:15-2:15**
- **School Address: 1800 Fruitdale Ave, San Jose, 95128**



## Other Schools that want us during Earth Month!

**Stratford school De Anza, Sunnyvale**

**Santa Teresa Elementary School, San Jose**

**Discovery Charter School, San Jose**

**Capri Elementary ,Campbell**

**Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto**

**Ellis Elementary, Sunnyvale**



Please sign up for a kids classroom activity by filling out your name on the [Kids Composting Google Sheet](#) under the Master Composters column and I will confirm with the schools that we have at the minimum two volunteers confirmed to teach

# Important Resources



- **Log your hours** continuously throughout the year so you don't get stuck in the June **reappointment** slump!
- You can find previous **recorded CE speakers** on the private Master Composter website.
- Looking for example presentations and other helpful resources? Check out our shared **Google Drive**.
- Bookmark & save the **Continuing Education** **Zoom** link
- Rot Crew Calendar:



**Log your volunteer hours here!**

**Watch the meeting recordings here**

**Explore the Google Drive here**

**Composting Ed Initial Training**  
**Thursdays, 6:30-8 pm**

**Rot Crew Calendar Link**



## Signup Sheet Links



**WORKSHOP SIGNUP**

**CLASSROOM SIGNUP**

**EVENT SIGNUP**



# MCP Updates



## Third Saturday Work Day!

- **Work Day will Continue on April 20th**
- **Monthly Meeting will be held in person!**
- **Bring your Greens!**

### Wednesday Workdays

- Join us at Martial Cottle Park from 10-12
- Weather permitting
- check the [rot crew google calendar](#) for more information

Remember to post **scan the QR code by the worm CFT** any time you come to Martial Cottle Park to let us know what you've done there!

- **Bring newspapers Martial Cottle Park!**



## Interested in joining a Master Composter/Master Gardener Book Club?

- Check out books from our library here at 1553 Berger and discuss them with your volunteer peers!

The first book series to discuss will be a choice of one of Doug Tallamy's 5 books.

- Please rsvp to Ingrid Graeve at: [ingridg210@yahoo.com](mailto:ingridg210@yahoo.com). Indicate whether you prefer in-person or zoom meetings and which Doug Tallamy book you will be reading.

Thanks for your participation in our book club pilot program!





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# NEWS

\*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

## Is there An Ocean Below Your Feet?

Some scientists think Earth's oceans formed when icy comets hit the planet. But new research suggests a different origin for the oceans: they simply seeped out of the center of the Earth.

By [Julia Rothchild](#)

[The Smithsonian](#)

## Wait, does America suddenly have a record number of bees?

Where in the unholy heck did all these bees come from?!

By [Andrew Van Dam](#)

[Washington Post](#)